

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 15 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment cancels non-elected claims 6 through 11 without prejudice and adds new claims 16 through 25. Thus, claims 1 through 5 and 12 through 25 are presented for examination upon entry of the instant amendment.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his time on April 8 and 9, 2008 to review this Restriction.

The Office Action asserts that a restriction is required between one of the following inventions:

Group I, directed to claims 1 through 5 and 12 through 15,
and

Group II, directed to claims 6 through 11.

Applicant elects Group I directed to claims 1 through 5 and 12 through 15.

The Office Action further asserts that an election of one of the species in each of the following sets:

Set 1

Species A - special technical feature, representative Fig 5a; and

Species B, special technical feature, representative Fig. 9.

Set 2

Species X- special technical feature, representative Fig. 3; and

Species Y- special technical feature, representative Fig.
9.

Applicant elects, with traverse, Species A and Y. Species A and Y read on claims 1 through 5 and 12 through 15.

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. See MPEP 803. It is respectfully submitted that searching and examining the subject matter of Species A along with that of Species Y does not place a serious burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Requirement for Restriction with regard to Species A and Y.

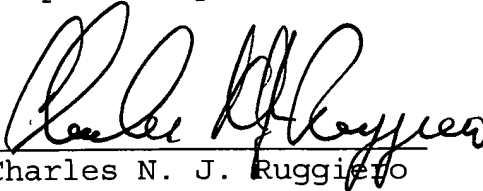
Claims 16 through 25 have been added to point out various aspects of the present application. It is submitted that new claims 16 through 25 are directed to the elected embodiment of Group I, Species A, and Species Y. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 16 is a generic claim to each of alleged Species A, B, X, and Y.

Thus, claims 1 through 5 and 12 through 25 are presented for examination upon entry of the instant amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and passage of this application to allowance. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles N. J. Ruggiero", is written over a horizontal line.

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